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Washington, DC 20231 Client Ref Date: June 22, 2001 Sir: 1. This is a Request for filing a new Patent Application(Design □ Utility) entitled: APPARATUS AND PROCESS FOR EXAMINING A SURFACE 2. (Complete) Title: without a filing fee or Oath/Declaration but for which is enclosed the following: 3. X Abstract 1 page(s). Pages of Specification (only spec. and claims); 5.

Specification in non-English language 17 14 Numbered claim(s); and 7tt⊠ Drawings: 1 set informal; 8. formal of size: ⊠A4 **11**" sheet(s) DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s): Application No. Filing Date Application No. Filing Date (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)Ō 10. FOREIGN priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in **FRANCE** Application No. **Filing Date** Application No. **Filing Date** 0008093 23 Jun 2000 (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)See 3rd page for additional priorities (No.) Certified copy (copies): □ attached: previously filed (date) in U.S. Application No. filed on 12. This is a reissue of Patent No. 13. See top first page re prior Provisional, National, International application(s) (X box only if info is there and do not complete item 14 or 15.) 14. This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated into this application by this reference: No. filed No. filed No. filed No. PCT/ filed which designated the U.S. and that International Application was published under PCT Acticle 21(2) in was not **English** 15. See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the specification to claim benefit of the above listed US applications 16. Extension to date: concurrently filed not needed previously filed 17. Small Entity Status is claimed (pre-filing confirmation required) 17(a) ☐ Attached: (No.) Small Entity Statement(s). (Since 9/8/00 Small Entity Statement not essential to make claim) 17(b) See NONPUBLICATION REQUEST under Rule 213(a) attached (Pat-258)

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